

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2, 5, 8, 10, 12 and 14 amend claims 1, 4 and 7 as set forth in the following listing of claims, which will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A fuel cell system provided with a fuel cell including an anode electrode disposed opposingly with an electrolyte interposed there between, for obtaining electromotive force by supplying fuel gas containing hydrogen to said anode electrode while supplying oxygen-containing gas containing oxygen to said cathode electrode, said fuel cell system comprising:

a gas/liquid separator for separating discharged components discharged from said fuel cell into gas components and water, an amount of said water which said discharged components are separated into by said gas/liquid separator being changed depending on an operation condition of said fuel cell; and

a flow rate control unit for controlling a flow rate of a cooling medium supplied to said gas/liquid separator for performing heat exchange with said discharged components, the flow rate control unit comprising a pump for varying said flow rate of said cooling medium supplied to said gas/liquid separator and a control unit for controlling an output of said pump

wherein the flow rate of said cooling medium is controlled depending on the amount of said water, and said operation condition of said fuel cell is detected by detecting means for detecting at least one of a current value or voltage value from said fuel cell, wherein the control unit controls the output of the pump on the basis of information detected by said detecting means.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) A fuel cell system provided with a fuel cell including an anode electrode and a cathode electrode disposed opposingly with an electrolyte interposed therebetween, for obtaining electromotive force by supplying fuel gas containing hydrogen to said anode electrode while supplying oxygen-containing gas containing oxygen to said cathode electrode, said fuel cell system comprising:

a gas/liquid separator for separating discharged components discharged from said fuel cell into gas components and water, an amount of said water which said discharged components are separated into by said gas/liquid separator being changed depending on an operation condition of said fuel cell ; and

a temperature control unit for controlling a temperature of a cooling medium supplied to said gas/liquid separator for performing heat exchange with said discharged components, wherein said temperature control unit includes a radiator arranged for a piping tube for circulating and supplying said cooling medium to said gas/liquid separator, a cooling fan provided together with said radiator, and a control unit for controlling an output of said cooling fan,

wherein the temperature of said cooling medium is controlled depending on the amount of said water, and said operation condition of said fuel cell is detected by detecting means for detecting at least any one of a current value or voltage value from said fuel cell, wherein the control unit controls the output of said cooling fan on the basis of information detected by said detecting means.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) A fuel system provided with a fuel cell including an anode electrode and a cathode electrode disposed opposingly with an electrolyte interposed therebetween, for obtaining electromotive force by supplying fuel gas containing hydrogen to said anode electrode while supplying oxygen-containing gas containing oxygen to said cathode electrode, said fuel cell system comprising:

a gas/liquid separator for separating discharged components discharged from said fuel cell into gas components and water, an amount of said water which said discharged components are separated into by said gas/liquid separator being changed depending on an operation condition of said fuel cell;

_____ a flow rate control unit for controlling a flow rate of a cooling medium supplied to said gas/liquid separator for performing heat exchange with said discharged components, the flow rate of said cooling medium being controlled depending on the amount of said water, wherein said flow rate control unit includes a pump for varying said flow rate of said cooling

medium supplied to said gas/liquid separator and a control unit for controlling an output of said pump; and

a temperature control unit for controlling a temperature of a cooling medium depending on the amount of said water,

wherein said operation condition of said fuel cell is detected by detecting means for detecting at least any one of a current value or voltage value from said fuel cell, wherein the control unit controls the output of said pump on the basis of information detected by said detecting means.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) The fuel cell system according to claim 7, wherein said temperature control unit includes:

a radiator arranged for a piping tube for circulating and supplying said cooling medium to said gas/liquid separator.

a cooling fan provided together with said radiator; and

a control unit for controlling output of said cooling fan on the basis of information detected by said detecting means.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Canceled)

12. (Canceled)

13. (Canceled)

14. (Canceled)